

FOOD OPERATIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE LICENSING

The 2001 Coconino County Food Code defines both “what a food establishment is” and “what a food establishment is not”. Certain operations that required licensure to operate under the previous Food Code are now exempt:

“Food Establishment” does not include:

- (i) An establishment that offers only pre-packaged foods that are not potentially hazardous;
- (ii) A produce stand that only offers whole, uncut fresh fruits and vegetables;
- (iii) A kitchen in a private home if only food that is not potentially hazardous is prepared for sale or service at a function such as a religious or charitable organization’s bake sale if allowed by law and if the consumer is informed by a clearly visible placard at the sales or service location that the food is prepared in a kitchen that is not subject to regulation and inspection by the regulatory authority;
- (iv) A kitchen in a private home, such as a small family day-care provider; or a bed-and-breakfast operation that prepares and offers food to guests if the home is owner occupied, the number of available guest bedrooms does not exceed 6, breakfast is the only meal offered, the number of guests does not exceed 18, and the consumer is informed by statements contained in published advertisements, mailed brochures, and placards posted at the registration area that the food is prepared in a kitchen that is not regulated and inspected by the regulatory authority; or
- (v) A private home that receives catered or home-delivered food.

“Potentially Hazardous Food”:

Means a food that is natural or synthetic and that requires temperature control because it is in a form capable of supporting:

- (i) The rapid and progressive growth of infectious or toxigenic microorganisms;
- (ii) The growth and toxin of *Clostridium botulinum*; or
- (iii) In raw shell eggs, the growth of *Salmonella enteritidis*.

Note: There are several categories for "Child-Care" operations. Some of these categories require licensure by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). Some ADHS categories have associated rules and regulations that require compliance with our Food Code, some have rules and regulations that are less strict for the food component of an operation and waive requirements of the Food Code. You should check with ADHS for more information about what category a particular "Child-Care" operation falls into and whether or not it will have to have a separately-licensed food operation:

ADHS Division of Licensing Services:

1500 E. Cedar Ave., Suite 22, Flagstaff, AZ 86004; (928) 774-2707; OR
150 N. 18th Ave., 4th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85007; (602) 364-2536.

If your food operation meets one of these categories, there will be no requirement for an operating license, but please complete the attached form and return it to our office. If you have any questions, please contact our office before completing the form.

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